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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

1875.

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March 1,	Cash received of Franklin Merriam,	\$500 00
May 13,	" Hillsborough Co. farm,	11 30
July 16,	borrowed on Town note,	1,000 00
Nov. 4,	received of Thomas Hayes,	8 02
19,	Savings bank tax of State treas.,	1875, 469 12
"	Railroad tax	" 13 64
"	Literary fund	" 85 57
"	Abatement on State tax,	" 24 00
Dec. 25,	borrowed on Town note,	600 00

1876.

Jan. 14,	Cash borrowed on Town note,	5,000 00
22,	received of Hillsboro' county farm,	21 50
"	" James Taft, commitment	
	of George Ladeaux,	10 00
"	" G. C. Robbins for use of	
	safe,	3 00
"	" James Taft, collector for	
	1875,	7,260 00
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		\$15,006 15

1875.

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March 1,	Bal. due J. L. Chamberlain, treasurer,	\$27 34
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NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid notes and interest,	\$7,831 00
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	\$1,128 00
County tax,	580 95
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\$1,708 95	

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Thomas Hayes, for District No. 1,	\$1,043 10
" " " by order	
of superintending school committee,	156 90
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	\$1,200 00
 Paid J. H. Barrett, for District No. 2,	 \$86 56
" " " by order of	
superintending school committee,	100 00
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	\$186 56
 Paid Henry S. Adams, for District No. 3,	 \$38 44
" " " by order	
of superintending school committee,	117 24
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	\$155 68
 Paid E. L. Fish, school tax on Titcomb farm, 1875,	 4 95
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	\$1,547 19

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid William Sawtell for coffin for Vayou,	\$9 00
C. G. Corey, med. attendance on Thos. Vayou,	1 50
May 1, 1875, Hillsborough county farm, board	
of Edward Elliott,	42 86
Sept. 26, 1875, Hillsborough county farm, board	
of Edward Elliott,	37 16
Marshall Kimball, services as sexton in pauper	
cases,	5 50
James Taft, commitment of George Ledaux to	
Reform School,	10 00
William Sawtell, for 3 coffins and services,	14 50
Ira Gustine, for keeping tramps,	8 00
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	\$128 52

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Charles Jenkins, for 1873,	\$2 20
J. H. Barrett, in March, 1875,	6 60
H. I. Whitney, surveyor, cash paid help,	115 55

A. E. Adams,	6 05
George W. Wheeler, 2d,	3 05
Marshall Kimball,	13 25
M. H. Nutting,	5 95
E. L. Nutting,	2 15
Eben Richardson,	1 05
J. L. Chamberlin,	9 50
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	\$165 35

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

May.	Paid H. I. Whitney, surveyor, cash paid help,	\$223 61
June.	“ “ “	526 00
July.	“ “ “	98 25
Aug.	“ “ “	228 40
Sept.	“ “ “	125 90
	Warner Russell, for services and cash paid,	13 40
	M. C. Barry,	4 50
	J. L. Chamberlin, for lumber and labor for bridges,	23 74
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		\$1,243 80

SIDEWALKS FOR BRIDGES.

Paid Seth Preston, for chestnut lumber,	\$8 56
Malcolm Beaton, for stone,	101 10
H. I. Whitney, cash paid for labor and material,	261 94
J. L. Chamberlin, for lumber and labor,	88 42
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	\$460 02

STREET LAMPS.

Paid Rollstone Iron Foundry for 2 lamp-posts,	28 00
Parker and Sargent for 2 lantern frames,	4 00
John Binney, for 2 lanterns,	16 50
Fitchburg railroad, freight on lamp-posts,	1 11
J. L. Chamberlin, for lamps,	4 00
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	53 61

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Edson F. Nutting, tax on dog,	1 00
Brooks & Davis,	6 53

Alfred Bushway,	I 45
James W. Cray,	I 45
Joseph Cassett,	I 45
Peter Durick,	I 45
Casper J. Kness,	I 00
Duncan McGown,	I 45
Charles Noole,	I 45
Fred Parker,	I 45
E. C. Ryan,	I 45
G. D. Reed,	I 45
Anthony Tisdale,	I 71
Narcisse Varvill,	I 45
Henry Wahl,	I 45
Lucy Davis,	73
Mrs. S. B. Tibbetts,	I 45
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	28 82

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid F. B. Heald, auditing committee,	\$I 50
M. C. Dodge, " "	I 50
S. H. Wheeler, services on town lines,	I 00
Fitchburg railroad, freight on fire engine,	9 00
Andrew Henry, witness fees,	II 25
Hunneman & Co., repairing fire engine,	85 25
John H. Turner, printing reports,	15 00
C. G. Corey, certificates of births and deaths,	3 75
Post "Herman Shedd" decorating soldiers graves,	50 00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for pamphlet laws, 1867, to 1871,	8 00
Abail Abbot, witness fees,	5 00
S. N. Barrett, for poles for railing,	II 60
Ames Plow Co., for plow points,	2 24
Fitchburg railroad, freight on railing poles,	14 00
Josiah Gates & Sons, for suction hose,	64 69
Firemen for services,	120 00
John Janes for powder and fuse,	3 80
H. I. Whitney, cash paid for putting up railing,	25 75
H. A. Searle, labor on fire engine,	I 50
H. I. Whitney, services on Boynton school fund and town lines,	9 64
Franklin Merriam, use of vestry and shop for engine,	35 00

F. B. Heald, printing notices for lockup,	90
Marshall Kimball, committee on cemetery,	151 89
Asa Webber, blacksmithing,	16 33
Albert Whittaker, services ordered by police,	1 50
M. V. B. Green, for stationery,	2 94
G. F. Merriam, cash paid Roberts for services on town lines,	10 00
O. D. Prescott, for goods,	6 97
Hartshon & Whitney, for lamps, oil. &c.,	21 23
J. L. Chamberlin, rent of selectmen's room,	30 00
H. J. Taft, lighting street lamps,	8 50
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	\$829 55

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. F. Pierce, services as town clerk, 1874,	26 50
M. C. Dodge, services as supt. school committee, 1874,	42 50
J. L. Chamberlin, treasurer, 1874,	20 00
J. L. Chamberlin, selectman, and use of team, 1875,	40 50
James Taft, collector, 1875,	45 00
James Taft, selectman, 1874,	4 50
Marshall Kimball, selectman, and team in 1875,	63 00
H. I. Whitney, selectmen and highway surveyor, 1875,	76 60
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	\$318 60

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by treasurer,	\$15,006 15
Paid J. L. Chamberlin, balance due treasurer, 1874,	\$27 34
Notes and interest,	7831 00
State and county tax,	1708 95
Support of schools,	1547 19
Pauper expenses,	128 52
Breaking roads,	165 35
Repairing highways and bridges,	1243 80
Sidewalks for bridge,	460 02
Street lamps,	53 61
Abatement of taxes,	28 82

Miscellaneous expenses,	829 55	
Town officers,	318 60	14,342 75

1876, March 1, balance in treasury, 663 40

JAMES L. CHAMBERLIN, *Treasurer.*

GREENVILLE, N. H., March 1, 1876.

This may certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the treasurer of the town of Greenville, for the year ending March 1st, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

O. F. PACKARD, }
JAMES TAFT, } *Auditors.*

CONDITION OF FINANCES, MARCH 1, 1876.

The town is indebted for outstanding notes	
with interest added to March 1, 1876,	12,196 00
Balance due town of Mason with interest ad-	
ded to amount reported last year,	3,083 43
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	15,279 43

The assets of the town are as follows, viz :

**State Bonds now held
by Town of Mason, \$5400 00**

Interest on bonds, per estimate,	972 00
Two hundred thousand brick,	1688 00
One fire proof safe,	50 00
One Secretary,	40 00
One stove and pipe,	8 00
Twelve office chairs,	24 00
Balance in Collector's hands, 1873,	83 52
“ “ “ “ 1874,	115 41
“ “ “ “ 1875,	190 22
March 1, 1876, balance in treasurer's hands,	663 40
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	\$9234 56

Balance against the town,	6044 87
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SCHOOL FUND NOT APPROPRIATED.

Dog tax for 1873,	46 00
“ “ “ 1874,	50 00
Literary fund for 1875,	85 57
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	181 57

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY I. WHITNEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JAS. L. CHAMBERLIN,	
MARSHALL KIMBALL,	

*of
Greenville.*

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED IN 1875.

School District No. 1,	6,585 14
“ No. 2,	572 08
“ No. 3,	242 46
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	\$7,399 68
Dog Tax,	51 00
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	\$7,450 68

VALUATION OF THE TOWN BY DISTRICTS.

School District No. 1,	\$453,825 00
“ No. 2,	39,437 00
“ No. 3,	16,715 00
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	\$509,977 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

For schooling,	\$1,400 00
highways and bridges,	1,000 00
incidental expenses,	2,500 00
sidewalk for bridge,	500 00
decorating soldiers' graves,	50 00
county tax,	580 95
state tax,	1,128 00
overlay,	240 73
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	7,399 68

Rate of tax, \$14 50 per \$1,000 00.

Whole number of rateable polls, April 1, 1875, 244

Value of real estate,	417,091 00	
“ personal estate,	92,886 00	
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Number of horses,	96
“ neat stock,	204
“ sheep,	3
“ male dogs,	45
“ female “	3

Appropriation for Cemetery, 1874,	600 00
Order paid to Marshall Kimball, whose account was approved by committee,	551 89
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Balance unexpended,	\$48 11
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REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

At its annual meeting in 1874, the town “voted to appropriate six hundred dollars, to be expended in the cemetery.” Under this vote your committee have expended upon improvements in said cemetery, for labor and material, five hundred and fifty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents. The work proposed by the committee is not yet fully complete, and to make it so will require a slight additional appropriation.

MARSHALL KIMBALL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
GEORGE F. MERRIAM,		
AMOS SCRIPTURE,		

REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1874.

DISTRICT No. 1.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.—This division, during the year, has been under the care of one teacher, Miss Emma F. Davis. Under her efficient labors the school has progressed well in its primary work. Reading, spelling, arithmetic and geography, comprise the regular recitation. Interspersed with these, have been various miscellaneous exercises adapted to age and capacity. The teacher was successful in gaining and retaining the confidence of her pupils, and is commended for personal activity and conscientious devotion to her work.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.—The first term was placed under the tuition of Miss Mary H. Jewett, a teacher of some experience in school exercises. Naturally energetic, she wrought well for the interests of the School. Was faithful in all its details of service, and is noted as one of our best teachers.

The second term of this division was omitted, its pupils uniting with the Grammar School.

The third term was taught by Mr. H. P. Haines. Under this young teacher the school was noted for its excellent order, as well as sure progress in study. This was the teacher's first display of executive ability in the school-room, and the test was well sustained,—not inferior to many of our older teachers.

The reviews at the close of the term indicated close drill, with practical results.

The first term of the Grammar School was instructed by Miss S. J. Harrington. The school was few in numbers, and there seemed to be an absence of that modified enthusiasm we prize so much in the school-room. The teacher was well qualified, intellectually, for this, or a much higher grade of school, but physical weakness (induced by coming too soon from the sick-room to the school-room), much reduced the good results we fondly expected from this graduate of our Normal School.

The fall and winter terms were given to the care of a master, Mr. Wm. E. Walker, also a Normal School graduate. This teacher, had in a good degree, the faculty of infusing animation into the recitations, and calling into action the reasoning power of the pupil. Possessing a sensitive, nervous temperament, it might be thought that sometimes he went beyond the limits of prudence in some cases of discipline, but extreme cases require extreme measures. To give up, or relax in discipline, even in its needful severity, and permit the few to govern the teacher and the school, as may sometimes be seen, would be to reverse Heaven's first law, "Order," without which no school can prosper.

DISTRICT No. 2.

This school was fortunate in securing a good teacher for the year. Miss Fletcher wrought faithfully with her pupils, and a good record of her fidelity was noted at the close of each term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Teacher, first term, Miss Ella F. Cutter. It was a term of unusual quiet, the school seeming to partake of the moderation of the teacher. We noticed some who made good progress in their studies. It was the teacher's first effort in school keeping. A little more experience, to give a little more self-assurance, would aid much her work in the school-room.

Second term, Miss Emma J. Adams, teacher, being one of our teachers who has heretofore wrought with much success in the school-room, the good result of this engagement was not unlooked for. The reviews at the close of the term indicated the teacher's faithfulness and the scholars' industry.



SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1874.

No. of District.	Names of Teachers.	Residence.	Prudential Committee.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Number in Arithmetic.	Number in Geography.	Number in Grammar.	Number in Penmanship.	Number in Algebra.	Visits by S. S. Committee.	Prudential Committee.	Citizens and others.	Amount of money per Scholar.	Weeks of School.
1	SUMMER TERM. Emma F. Davis,	Fitchburg,	Thomas Hays,	\$32	51	41	2	12					4	2	29	\$8.63	10
1	Mary H. Jewett,	Peterborough,		\$32	24	21	9	24	21	7	24		4	3	41		10
1	Sarah J. Harrington,	Normal School,		\$42	13	9		13	5	8	6		4	2	36		10
2	Ada M. Fletcher,	Rindge,	Benj. Livingston,	\$28	10	9	6	10	7	2	10	1	2	2	22	\$12.43	8
3	Ella F. Cutter,	Temple,	E. A. Adams,	\$22	17	14	1	15	8	2	13		2	2	48	\$4.212	8
1	FALL TERM. Emma F. Davis,			\$36	49	29 1-2	4	14					4	2	36		12
1	Wm. E. Walker,	Normal School,		\$62	46	37	5	42	19	15	19	6	3	2	35		12
1	WINTER TERM. Emma F. Davis,			\$36	49	36	3	19	7				3	3	44		12
1	Howard P. Haines,	Greenville,		\$36	34	27	6	34	19	2	22		4	4	35		12
1	Wm. E. Walker,			\$65	27	23	1	14	5	21		10	3	3	36		12
2	Ada M. Fletcher,			\$30	13	10	3	13	6	5	13	1	4	2	15		15
3	Emma J. Adams.			\$32	26	23	9	21	12	3	18		3	1	35		12

* The Intermediate School invited with the Grammar during this term.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1875.

DISTRICT No. 1.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Summer term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$48; number of scholars, 26; average attendance, 18; number of pupils not absent half a day, 2,—John E. Janes and Frank B. Kenney. Teacher, Howard P. Haines.

This school was noted by your committee for its good order and progress. In grammar, geography and algebra, the recitations were intelligent and practical. The class in geometry acquitted themselves well for freshmen in the science. For all those who honored themselves by respect for the teacher, and love of study, it was a favored term. We speak thus from a knowledge of the work of the school-room, irrespective of harmless criticisms, which impede rather than aid in the success of educational efforts.

FALL TERM, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$60; number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 24.

WINTER TERM, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$60; number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 26.

The fall and winter terms were under the care of one teacher, Mr. A. B. Spalding.

This division of our school has been brought up to a very prosperous state. Scholars seem to have appreciated their high privilege, and made a better record of school-work than formerly. They have been earnest and progres-

sive in study, and under the leadership of an efficient teacher. They seem to have well understood the subjects in hand. In the brief report we feel constrained to make, we cannot speak of the particular recitations, at the public examination, in detail. We only say, they witnessed the good service done in toning up the school to earnest thought and careful study.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.—Summer term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$36; number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20; reported cases of tardiness, 8; number not absent nor tardy, 4,—Charles W. Janes, Thos. W. Leonard, Addie M. Corey and Mary Varley.

Fall term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$40; number of scholars, 37, average attendance, 33; reported cases of tardiness, 27. The following were the names of pupils not absent nor tardy: Charles W. Janes, Thomas Leonard, Thomas Gainey, Frank B. Kenney and Daniel Brown.

This division, during the summer and fall terms, was under the charge of Miss Marie M. Adams, as teacher, who performed meritorious services, deserving the approbation of all concerned. It was noticed, as one specialty, that lessons were reasonably short and well committed to the memory, and more permanently so, by frequent reviews. One other feature deserving honorable mention, and one that depends chiefly upon the teacher's efforts, is, that all her pupils (during both terms) attended to writing.

Winter term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$35; whole number of scholars, 35; average attendance, 30; reported cases of tardiness, 24; number not absent half a day nor tardy, 71; Willie J. Nutting, Henry H. Sawtelle, Thomas Leonard, Hattie J. Taylor, Addie M. Corey, Bertha M. Nutting and Mary Mullen.

The teacher, Miss Ellen H. Rogers, came to us well recommended as a successful teacher elsewhere. The term

commenced under favorable auspices of success. The teacher wrought faithfully with her pupils, always aiding them personally in their studies, when not engaged in recitations. We think she did all that one, possessing her generous nature, could do, to make the term one of special interest. As the time moved on, it became evident that there was a growing restiveness, under restraint, on the part of some of the older boys. Some were removed to the upper school for their own benefit, and for that of this division. Under a good disciplinarian, somebody would surely have been hurt, regardless of consequences, if the unruly ones had not submitted to wholesome rules. The term might be thought a failure on the part of a very few, but the many appeared to have been much benefitted by this teacher's ability to impart knowledge.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.—Summer term, 19 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$36; number of scholars, 62; average attendance, 44; cases of tardiness, 69; not absent half-a-day, nor tardy, Emma Holden, Gertie Robbins and Freddie Robbins.

Winter term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, per month, \$36; number of scholars, 42; average attendance, 32; recorded cases of tardiness, 71. The number not absent half-a-day, nor tardy, 6,—Gertie Robbins, Jennie McGown, Minnie Sawtelle, Jemmie Downs, Freddie Robbins and Georgie Sherbeno.

This department has been under the care of the same teacher as last year, Miss Emma F. Davis. It has been generally prosperous, the teacher striving zealously to improve the new material as it comes fresh from the many families in the district. Most of them have a dialect to unlearn. About three-fourths of the pupils are of French parentage and, with honorable exceptions, the most of these parents disclose but little interest in education, seemingly more desirous that their little ones should work for hire than search for wisdom and knowledge. But few of this

class remain in the school long enough to gain an advance to the middle grade, thus keeping the primary proportionally too large, and imposing burdens upon its teacher, not endured by the teachers in the other departments.

Primary scholars learn more readily from oral instruction than from books, hence it is important that its teacher have the time, as well as the natural ability, to give such instruction. The more the better, if impressive. What is the remedy? Certainly not to force the middle school to a lower grade than now exists,—that has been brought too low already.

If the population of the village should increase in the future, one remedy may be obvious to all—that of a fourth division. One more primary than we have now. Until then we must rest satisfied with the slow movements of a primary school filled to excess.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term, 10 weeks; Miss Lizzie H. Holt, teacher; number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6; number of cases of tardiness, 5.

The small number of pupils in this school may cause some to look with indifference, not so with those who view to detect capabilities in the young teacher. True devotion to the work of teaching,—the only motive power to fidelity and success, is we think, more easily discovered in the smaller than in the larger schools. This was Miss Holt's first effort in the school-room, as teacher, and we advance the opinion that if she continues in the vocation, she is destined to become an instructress of no ordinary ability. The scholars made good progress.

Winter term, 15 weeks; Miss S. L. Snow, teacher; wages of teacher per month, \$28; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 6.

This small average was owing to families removing from, and to the district, during the progress of the term. This

being the first effort of Miss Snow, in teaching, she was observed critically, as to her tact in teaching and fidelity in filling up the time profitably with the few. The committee report the school as improving well under her tuition.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term, 10 weeks; Miss Emma J. Adams, teacher; wages of teacher, per month, \$28; whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 17; reported cases of tardiness, 12; number of pupils not absent half a day, 7.

Under the direction of this experienced teacher, the term was one of marked success. The teacher earnest; scholars studious, willing and obedient; parents sensible. How could it be otherwise.

Winter term, 10 weeks; Miss Marie M. Adams, teacher; wages of teacher, per month, 32; whole number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 22; cases of tardiness, 17; number of pupils not absent half a day, 5.

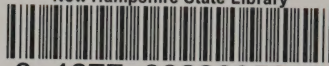
This second term was equally successful as the first. The recitations at examination, which of course were reviews of the term lessons, were superior. It was evident that the scholars had been under the tuition of one who could infuse life into the work of the school-room, and lead the pupil to value and improve the golden hours.

M. C. DODGE,

Superintending School Committee.



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